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SUBJECT: NIGER STATE LISTS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SUCCINCT MIMEOGRAPHED LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES, MINNA, NIGER STATE, LISTING STATE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PRIORITIES. LETTER GIVES NO DETAILS BUT INDICATES MINISTRY SEEKS JOINT VENTURE OR TECHNICAL PARTNERS. LETTER POINTS OUT THAT NIGER STATE BORDERS NEW CAPITAL TERRITORY CENTRAL NIGERIA (ON OLD MAPS NIGER STATE WAS LOWER HALF OF NORTH-WESTERN STATE), A FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AREA.

2. SUGGEST LETTER BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE CIRCULATION AND PUBLICITY. IT MIGHT BE ADAPTED FOR COMMERCE TODAY. TEXT OF LETTER, WHICH IS TITLED INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION, FOLLOWS: QUOTE: I AM DIRECTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NIGER STATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA IS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

1. FURNITURE MANUFACTURE

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2. BURNT BRICKS
3. CERAMIC - EMPHASIS ON POTTERY AND RELATED PRODUCTS
4. STARCH AND GLUCOSE PROCESSING
5. RICE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING

6. AGRO - ALLIED INDUSTRIES EMPHASIS ON FLOUR MILLING AND FRUIT CANNING.

IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU TO NOTE SOME FAVOURABLE FACTORS THE NIGER STATE IS EXPOSED TO:

1. THE STATE IS PREDOMINANTLY AGRICULTURAL.
2. THE STATE CAPITAL MINNA IS ON RAILWAY LINE.
3. IT IS A GATEWAY TO THE NEW FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAPITAL - ONLY 100 KMS AWAY.
4. THERE ARE PLANNED PROPOSALS TO LINK MINNA WITH THE NEPA NATIONAL GRID AFTER THE COMPLETION OF SHIRORO HYDRO ELECTRIC DAM WHICH IS SITUATED IN THE STATE.
5. THE WATER SUPPLY OUTPUT IS BEING EXPANDED.
6. THERE IS ABUNDANT CHEAP LAND TO BE PROVIDED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT.
7. LABOUR RATE IS ABOUT THE CHEAPEST IN THE COUNTRY.

I WISH TO ADD THAT IT WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED IF THIS INFORMATION COULD BE PASSED TO ALL INTERESTED INVESTORS (LARGE OR SMALL) IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY.

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THE NIGER STATE GOVERNMENT IS VERY DESIROUS OF ENTERING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL CO-OPERATION WITH ANY INVESTOR WHOSE TERMS ARE FAVORABLE. UNQUOTE.
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